

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
TERUYOSHI WASHIZAWA ) : Examiner: K. A. Thornewell  
Application No.: 10/812,868 ) : Group Art Unit: 2128  
Filed: March 31, 2004 ) : Confirmation No.: 4554  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS OF ) : January 16, 2007  
OPTIMALLY DESIGNING A ) :  
STRUCTURE )

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2006, for three months from October 21, 2006 to January 21, 2007. A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: